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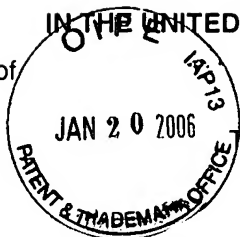
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Title: PIPE JOINT STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLING SAME



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RESPONSE

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Total effective claims after amendment 0 minus highest number
previously paid for 20 (at least 20) = 0 x \$50.00 \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment 0 minus highest number
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\$360.00 (1203)/\$180.00 (2203) \$

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One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251)
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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$130.00 (1814)/ \$65.00 (2814) \$

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee \$180.00 (1806) \$

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In response to the Office Action 12/20/2005 holding that applicant has claimed nine patentably distinct species (i.e., no one of which or combination of which is made "obvious" in view of any other or combination of others under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects for further substantive examination in the present application the patentably distinct Species I represented by Figures 1-3 and on which at least claims 1, 2, 4 and 9 are readable. Claims 1, 4 and 9 are considered to be generic and to cover all patentably distinct species identified in the Office Action. Accordingly, once allowable subject matter is found with respect to any of these generic claims, then all other claims should also be allowed even though patentably distinct.

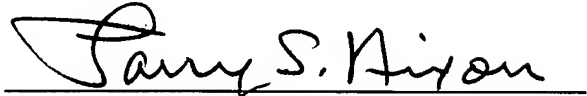
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An early and favorable action allowing all pending claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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